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SEDALIA MAN SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATION

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Sedalia, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for violating federal firearms laws.

Frederick Eugene Snider, Jr., 45, of Sedalia, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 12, 2003, **Snider** pleaded guilty to being in possession of an improvised shotgun not registered to him, and to being in possession of an improvised shotgun not identified by a serial number as required by federal law.

The improvised shotgun, Graves explained, was constructed from a section of metal pipe approximately 18 inches in length, designed to fire a shotgun shell.

On March 23, 2003, **Snider's** ex-wife reported to the Sedalia, Mo., Police Department that **Snider** had broken into her home, violating a court order, and barricaded himself within the house. When Sedalia police officers went to the home, Graves said, they found considerable damage, but **Snider** had left the home. Officers located **Snider** at his residence, which Graves said they entered by using a battering ram. **Snider** was found in the residence, Graves said, along with various knives, an improvised, loaded shotgun and shotgun shells.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony P. Gonzalez. It was investigated by the Sedalia, Mo., Police Department, the Pettis County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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